



Judicial Conference of Australia

GOVERNING COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: 2015/4

Held on **Saturday 10th October 2015** at the Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm.

Present

Justice Steven Rares (in the Chair)	Federal Court of Australia
Judge Michael Baumann, AM	Federal Circuit Court of Australia
Justice Robert Beech-Jones	Supreme Court of New South Wales
Chief Magistrate Michael Brett	Magistrates Court of Tasmania
Judge Wayne Chivell	District Court of South Australia
Justice Rebecca Ellis (observer)	High Court of New Zealand
Judge Allan Fenbury	District Court of Western Australia
Magistrate Karen Fryar, AM	Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory
Justice Timothy Ginnane	Supreme Court of Victoria
Judge Peter Hannon	Industrial Relations Court of South Australia
Magistrate Andree Horrigan	Magistrates Court of Western Australia
Justice Judith Kelly	Supreme Court of the Northern Territory
Chief Magistrate Peter Lauritsen	Magistrates Court of Victoria
Chief Magistrate John Lowndes	Magistrates Court of the Northern Territory
Justice Glenn Martin, AM	Supreme Court of Queensland
Judge Michael McInerney	County Court of Victoria
Justice Peter Murphy	Family Court of Australia
Judge Garry Neilson	District Court of New South Wales
Deputy Chief Magistrate Leanne O'Shea	Magistrates Court of Queensland
Justice Hilary Penfold, PSM	Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory
Justice Shan Tennent	Supreme Court of Tasmania
Magistrate Theo Tsavdaridis	Local Court of New South Wales

Judge Brian Withers, AM

Treasurer, and Supreme Court of
South Australia

In attendance

Christopher Roper, AM

Secretary

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Chief Justice Alan Blow, OAM
Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton

Supreme Court of Tasmania
Magistrates Court of South
Australia

Magistrate Greg Grogin
Justice Carmel McLure

Local Court of New South Wales
Supreme Court of Western
Australia

Deputy President Daniel O'Connor
Chief Judge John Pascoe AO, CVO
Judge Michael Shanahan
Justice Terry Sheahan, AO

Industrial Court of Queensland
Federal Circuit Court of Australia
District Court of Queensland
Land and Environment Court of
New South Wales

Justice Michael Walton

Industrial Court of New South
Wales

Alternates

Alternate

Judge Michael Baumann
Justice Shan Tennent
Magistrate Theo Tsavdaridis

Representating

Chief Judge John Pascoe
Chief Justice Alan Blow
Magistrate Greg Grogin

Resolved (2015/19)

That the apologies be noted and received.

The President had welcomed Justice Rebecca Ellis to the meeting at the Annual General Meeting, held immediately prior to this meeting.

1 Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting of the Governing Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Governing Council held 27th June 2015 had been circulated.

Resolved (2015/20)

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th June 2015 be confirmed.

2 Minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee held since the last meeting

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on 23rd July and 24th September 2015 had been circulated.

Resolved (2015/21)

That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 23rd July and 24th September 2015 be noted.

Reports

3 President's Report

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

4 Secretary's report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

5 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

6 Membership report

A membership report as at 30th September 2015 had been circulated, and was noted.

7 Appointment of Brian Withers, AM as a Life Member of the JCA

The President introduced this item. Judge Withers absented himself from the meeting for this item.

Resolved (2015/23)

That Brian Withers, AM be appointed as a Life Member of the Judicial Conference of Australia.

Elections

8 President

Justice Steven Rares was nominated for the position of President. There were no other nominations.

Resolved (2015/22)

That the Hon Justice Steven Rares be elected President of the Judicial Conference of Australia.

9 Vice President

Justice Robert Beech-Jones was nominated for the position of Vice President. There were no other nominations.

Resolved (2015/23)

That the Hon Justice Robert Beech-Jones be elected Vice President of the Judicial Conference of Australia.

10 Executive Committee

The following members of the Governing Council were nominated for the Executive Committee:

Chief Justice Alan Blow
Judge Allan Fenbury
Justice Timothy Ginnane
Justice Judith Kelly
Justice Glenn Martin
Justice Hilary Penfold
Magistrate Marc Sargent
Justice Michael Walton

Resolved (2015/24)

That Chief Justice Alan Blow, Judge Allan Fenbury, Justice Timothy Ginnane, Justice Judith Kelly, Justice Glenn Martin, Justice Hilary Penfold, Magistrate Marc Sargent and Justice Michael Walton be elected to the Executive Committee.

11 Treasurer

The President reported that as a result of Judge Brian Withers' retirement from the Supreme Court of South Australia and as

Treasurer, it was necessary to appoint a new Treasurer. Judge Michael Baumann was nominated.

Resolved (2015/25)

That, from the conclusion of this Colloquium, Judge Michael Baumann be appointed as Treasurer of the Judicial Conference of Australia and, so long as he be Treasurer, he be a member of the Governing Council.

Activities, projects and matters of concern

12 Continuing impact of the superannuation surcharge, and taxation treatment of redundancy payments

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

13 Productivity Commission report on access to justice arrangements

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

14 The social media and judges and the courts

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

15 Remuneration Tribunals' review of judicial salaries

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

16 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5th March 2016 in Melbourne.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at about 1.30pm.

Signed as a true record:

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President

